

Community Development Committee Meeting  
Front of Yonge Township Hall

Sept. 26, 2019

In attendance: Council: Richard Marcoux, Marg Fancy  
Residents: Elaine Covey, Craig Fowler  
Guest: Roger Haley

### **Approval of Agenda**

Moved by Richard and seconded by Marg that the agenda be approved as circulated.  
Carried

### **Approval of Minutes**

Moved by Richard and seconded by Marg that the minutes of the June 26, 2019 meeting be approved. Carried.

### **Old Business Updates:**

a) Family Sponsored Park Benches: No responses have been received as of yet. Reminders will be put in a newsletter every few months.

b) Revitalization Projects: The \$5000 for facade improvements will be paid out to the Legion, Pharmacy and United Church, once final project details have been provided by each applicant. The gazebo still needs to be ordered, but all other projects are completed.

c) Bench on Quabbin Road Property: Richard is awaiting a response from the Counties.

d) Agricultural Information Session: Roger reported that the organizing of this event has been completed, complete with an area for children's activities. The only challenge may be in getting the vendors located at the back of the parking lot area. The Legion breakfast will start at 8 a.m.

e) BUSL Cidery owner invitation to attend CDC Meeting: This will be removed from the agenda. The grand opening has taken place. The CDC should try to provide flowers or some type of welcome gift for new business openings in the future.

f) Funding support for Strawberry and Blueberry Social: Bob and Barb Morrison had made this request, but the CDC was unable to confirm how much financial support they were seeking before the summer events were over. They should be advised to put in a request this fall for the 2020 events.

g) Committee Strategy/Workplan: Marg provided an updated spreadsheet with two sections: "Communications and Public Engagement" and "Economic Growth". It was agreed that the Volunteer recognition barbeque was a good idea. Discussion took place regarding the CDC's role in attracting new businesses. Elaine clarified that the committee's role is more broadly based around ways to make the township more

attractive and welcoming to businesses, tourism, residents, etc. rather than the direct interaction with prospective business representatives. The members were asked to review the Economic Action plan and bring comments to the next meeting in order to update this document.

h) Broadband Project: Marg reported that Joe Baptista will provide an executive summary outlining the current situation around broadband service. A separate group is needed to work on this.

i) Welcoming Newcomers: This item will be moved to the next meeting agenda.

j) Regional Economic Development (RED) Grant: Marg reported that the township will partner with the Library as a co-applicant. The grant will cover 30% of the project, with the township paying the rest. They are pricing a new large sign for the library, as well as smaller wayfaring signs for street corners, buildings, etc.

#### **New Business:**

a) Residential Development Initiative: Roger is trying to determine the cost to the Township for this item. It will be moved to the next agenda.

b) Review of CDC budget: Next agenda.

c) New garbage cans and community benches: Next agenda.

d) Collaborate with Lansdowne Market for 2020: Next agenda

#### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on October 24th, 2019 at 7 pm.

**Adjournment:** It was moved by Elaine that the meeting adjourn.